

BEFORE THE *Regulatory*
 POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Glencliff NH 03238
 Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
 COMMISSION
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
 Docket No: A2012-29

John Robblee Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Glencliff post office. The Final Determination was posted 10-5-11 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

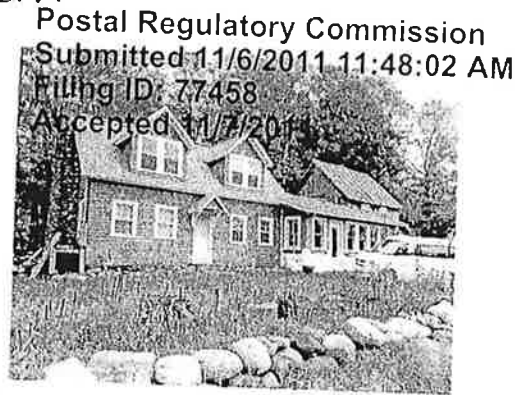
See attached paper.

Participant Statement

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Ruth Y. Goldway
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Dear Chairman Goldway,

November 4, 2011

I understand that the Postal Service has recently posted the Final Determination to close the Glenclyff post office in Glenclyff, New Hampshire. As a resident of Glenclyff and the owner of a very active hiker hostel in Glenclyff that serves over 700 hikers per year, I join the Glenclyff community in strongly opposing this action. In addition to myself and my neighbors, this post office provides invaluable service to these 700 hikers, who have come to our community to enjoy the Appalachian Trail which crosses directly through Glenclyff.

As you know, hikers are away from their homes, families, businesses, and health care resources for several months. The vast majority rely on the Glenclyff Post Office, which is walking distance from *Hikers Welcome Hostel*, to send and receive needed supplies and communications, on a nearly daily basis throughout most of the year.

Closing the Glenclyff Post Office would require Glenclyff residents and hikers to rely on rural delivery or travel to other towns which is a significant hardship given that we live in a rural area where towns are many miles apart and travel conditions are hampered by harsh and long snow-laden winters. For hikers who travel by foot, this could be very difficult. The alternative of rural delivery would also not be acceptable since hikers routinely rely on the post office to purchase money orders.

I do not feel rural delivery or referral to an out-of-town post office, is an acceptable solution offered by the U.S. Postal Service as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service that customers are entitled to in accordance with federal law.

The Glenclyff Post Office is a vital resource in our community. Having it removed threatens our very safety and freedom as it serves as a lifeline to communication and monetary access that the internet and telephone cannot replace.

I submit this letter of appeal to you to request that you revoke the decision to close our Glenclyff Post Office.

Sincerely,

John Robblee
Glenclyff resident and business owner since 2000